passengers travelling through Samjhauta Express to curb the activities of anti-national elements.

The following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Finance to deal with the problem of fake currency:

(i) A high Level Committee has been constituted, with representation from the Department of Economic Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Home Affairs/National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), to go into the entire gamut of issues pertaining to the security dimension of Indian currency.

(ii) Currency and Coinage Division has set up a six member Fact Finding Committee under the convenorship of Shri V.R. Gaikwad, Dy. General Manager, RBI, comprising experts on note-printing/currency paper,- etc. for examining the fake notes seized in the past in order to enable the Government to take remedial action *vis-a-vis* printing and security features.

(iii) RBI has been advised to go in for publicity campaign about security features incorporated in the genuine notes so that the members of the public may distinguish between genuine and fake notes.

Overstaying by Pakistani Nationals

1411. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11,000 Pakistanis were overstaying in India after expiry of their visas, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 10th January, 2000;

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken, so far at diplomatic level to prevent overstaying of foreigners illegally in our country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to issue identity cards to all Indian citizens to weed out

foreigners staying illegally and thereby preventing the influx or refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information, as on 31.7.1999, regarding Pak nationals who visited India, a total of 11327 Pak nationals were reported to have not returned after their authorised stay. Of these, 8,700 have overstayed and 2627 are reported untraced. As the problem of overstayal and missing of Pak nationals is an internal matter, this matter has not been taken up at diplomatic level. The Central Government is in constant dialogue with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations on the subject of tracing out such Pak nationals and to deport them.

A professional consultancy firm has been entrusted with the task of preparing a feasibility report on the issue of National Identity Cards in the country.

Plan to Combat ISI backed Terrorism

1412. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a new "Action Plan" to combat ISI backed terrorism in Kashmir, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 19th February, 2000;

(b) whether Government are aware of rise in attacks on Indian security forces to 1209 incidents in 1999 as compared to 1181 in 1998 and 1119 in the preceeding year;